

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A device for supporting a medical element above a bed, comprising:
a base mountable to the bed;
a clamp to hold the medical element, wherein the clamp has opposing surfaces that close to hold the medical element and open to release the medical element; and
a rod extending between the base and the clamp to support the medical element above the bed;
wherein the rod is pivotally connected to the base for pivotal movement about multiple axes relative to the base.

Claim 2 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the base is adhered to the bed.

Claim 3 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the base is slidably mounted to the bed.

Claim 4 (Original): The device of claim 1 further comprising a bar connected to the bed to slidably support the base.

Claim 5 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is length adjustable.

Claim 6 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the base is pivotally connected to the bed.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Original): The device of claim 1 further comprising a member having a foot adapted to fit beneath a mattress on the bed, a leg extending upwardly from the foot, and an arm extending outwardly from the leg and adapted to support and position the base over the mattress.

Claim 9 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is rigid.

Claim 10 (Original): The device of claim 1 wherein the rod is moveable between a use position and a non-use position.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A medical tool support device, comprising:

a base slidably mountable to a bed with a tab which slides within a slot;

an articulated clamp for holding the tool; and

a rod having a first end connected to the base and a second end connected to the clamp, ~~and being moveable between operative and inoperative positions~~ wherein the rod is connected to the base by a hook and eye.

Claim 12 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is pivotal between the operative and inoperative positions.

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is telescopically extensible.

Claim 15 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the base is adhered to the bed.

Claim 16 (Original): The device of claim 11 further comprising a bar connected to the bed to slidably support the base.

Claim 17 (Original): The device of claim 11 further comprising a member having a foot adapted to fit beneath a mattress on the bed, a leg extending upwardly from the foot, and an arm extending outwardly from the leg to support the base and thereby position the medical element over the mattress.

Claim 18 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is rigid.

Claim 19 (Original): The device of claim 11 wherein the rod is moveable between a substantially vertical position and a substantially horizontal position.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (New): A device for holding a syringe above a bed, comprising:
a base operatively connected above a bed;
an extendable rod having two ends with a first end connected to the base using a universally pivotal connection; and
an articulating clamp incorporated onto a second end of the rod, wherein the clamp has two halves, which articulate around the second end of the rod for holding the syringe and the clamp being normally biased toward a closed position for holding the syringe.

Claim 22 (New): The device of claim 21 further comprising a spring for holding the two halves of the clamp in a closed position.

Claim 23 (New): The device of claim 22 wherein the two halves have multiple overlapping fingers which can be opened for holding the syringe.